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1. (Internal Use Only - JSW) The Director, accompanied by Messrs. Helms, Wheeler and Warner, met with the CIA Subcommittee of House Armed Services for approximately two hours. See Memorandum for the Record.

2. (Internal Use Only - JCO) I met with Congressman James D. Weaver (R. Pa.) with regard to his query concerning Werner Von Braun's team members who had been taken behind the Iron Curtain in 1945 and advised him in general terms concerning their use by the Soviets and eventual release; and the fact of development by the Soviets of their own native program from about 1948 onward. The Congressman, as a member of the Science and Astronautics Committee, is reading himself in on the background of the development of ballistic missiles and ballistic missile engines by both the Soviets and the United States. His interest at the moment is the extent to which theory developed by the Von Braun team in Germany might have been followed by the Soviets in developing their very powerful engines and whether it was followed in American development. I advised that our people, although quite knowledgeable of American development, would not consider themselves as proper parties to advise in this area and recommended the Department of Army as the executive Agency with primary interest in this area.

3. (Internal Use Only - JCO) I met with Mr. John Martin, Deputy Counsel, House Ways and Means Committee, who advised that the present schedule of the committee does not provide time for handling of miscellaneous legislative items before early December. In consequence, he does not see much chance for consideration of the Early Retirement Tax Provision before that time.

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